

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In order to enable an area of each logical volume to be expanded while continuously using the logical volume and to integrate separate logical volumes in a single continuous area, a storage has logical volume control means for controlling the construction of a logical volume, a logical volume number map in which logical volume construction information is described, and copy means for copying the logical volume. By allowing two or more inner logical numbers to be described per external logical number in the logical volume number map, improved flexibility in combining the logical volumes in the storage is achieved. By copying a plurality of separate logical volumes into a physical continuous area by the copy means, the logical volumes are integrated.

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